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May 2, 2003

Mr. Michael J. Copps, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Copps:

I heard the latter part of your discussion on PBS Friday, May 2, 2003 regarding public information and there also seem to be something about media conglomerates who wanted to increase their ownership of the information resources across the United States. If I caught the drift of what was being discussed, I encourage the FCC to continue the broadcasting ownership protections for smaller owner operators that has persisted down through the decades.

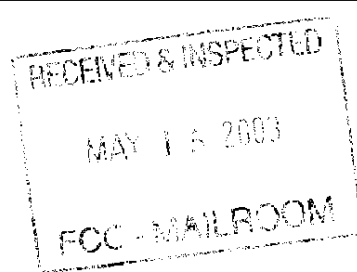
It is my opinion that there's media corporations that would like to control the viewpoints that are freely aired over radio and TV. The American public deserves to hear the differing views without media slants like that generously promoted over ABC, NBC, and CBS. I dislike biased news and I respectfully request that FCC oppose the formation of media monopolies.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and have a nice day.

Sincerely,

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Whitney Williams  
Private Citizen of the United States



Tioga, Pa.  
May 9, 2003

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communication Commission  
114 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 29557

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I understand the present ban of cross-ownership of media sources was intended to have information provided by a diversity of owners and to ensure that when Americans turn on the TV, they're exposed to an array of ideas, representing the full spectrum of political thought.

In addition to forbidding a company from owning two major TV stations in the same market, or a major newspaper and a top station, the rules also put a 35 percent cap on how much of the public one network can reach.

I fear that if the present cross-ownership rules are dropped we will have just a few people make the decision about the news and opinions all of us are permitted to hear.

This would be almost as bad as having the government control the information content.

Please keep the media cross-ownership ban in effect.

Thank you,

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Jim Conduct  
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Date: May 8, 2003

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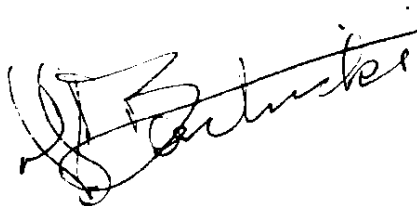
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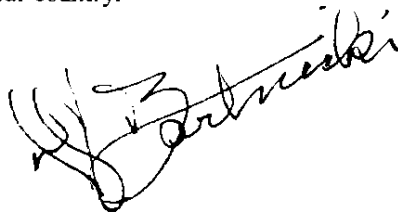
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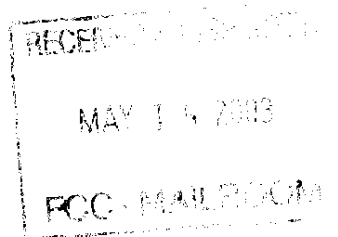
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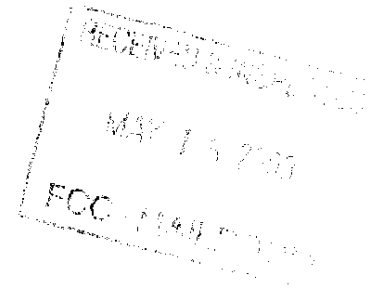
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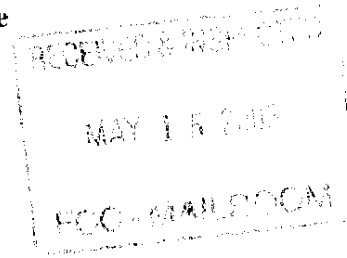
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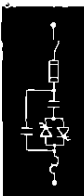
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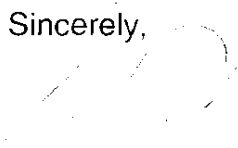
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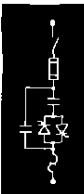
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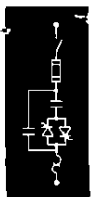
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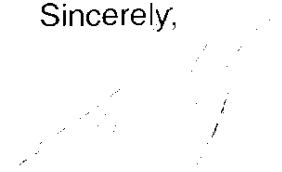
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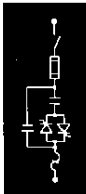
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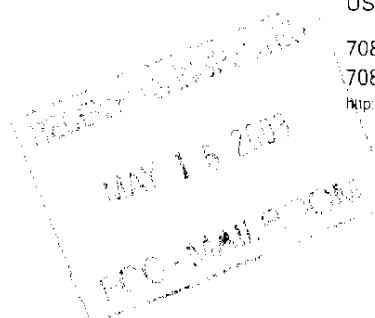


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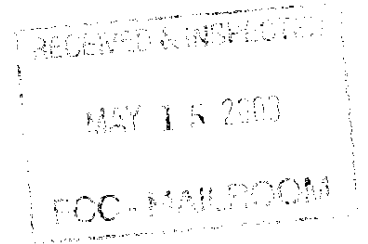
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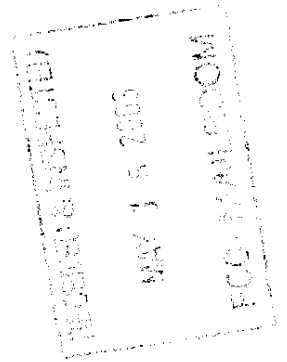
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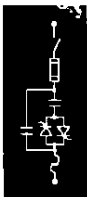
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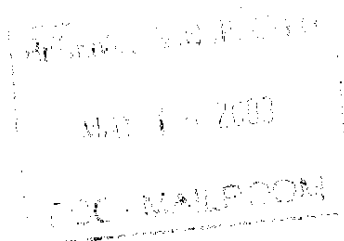
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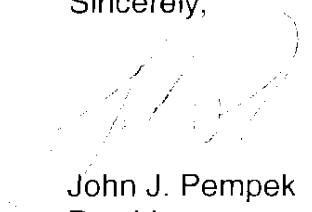
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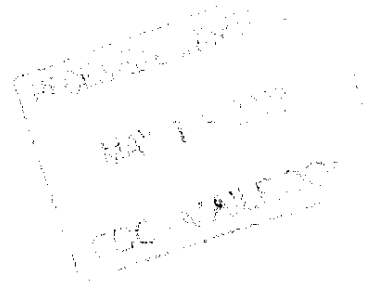
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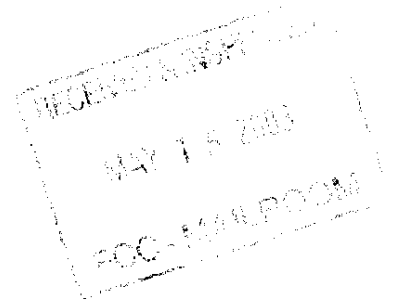
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I oppose the plan to loosen media ownership rules. Government needs to regulate and represent the people in what is or is not broadcast. Small business need an opportunity to broadcast issues that are different from the interests of large corporations.

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Dorothy Piper

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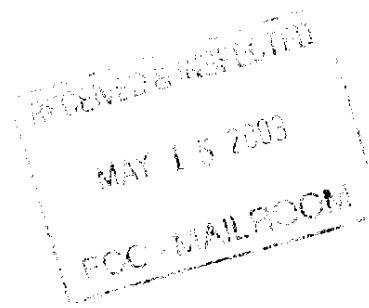
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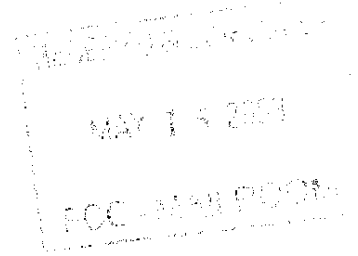
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